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tion between the Federal Survey and the state of California.

WE learn from *Nature* that it is proposed to celebrate the centenary of the foundation of the Indian Museum in Calcutta next February. Originally founded as a branch of the Asiatic Society of Bengal at the suggestion of Wallich, the botanist, on February 2, 1814, the Indian Museum became a government institution in 1867, after prolonged negotiations with the government of India, which accepted the society's collections to form the nucleus of an imperial museum in Calcutta. A centenary committee has been formed with Lord Carmichael, the governor of Bengal, as chairman, and Sir Asutosh, Mookerjee, vice-chancellor of the Calcutta University, as vice-chairman. The committee has decided to publish an official history of the museum, to raise a special fund for the improvement of the public galleries, and to hold a reception in the museum on the anniversary of its foundation.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE General Education Board at its May meeting made appropriations of \$837,600. Conditional appropriations for colleges are as follows:

John B. Stetson University, Deland, Fla.	\$ 50,000
Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.	100,000
Pomona College, Claremont, Cal.	150,000
Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.	75,000
Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.	100,000

Appropriations for special purposes are as follows:

For demonstration work in agriculture in the southern states, which include the boys' corn club work	180,050
For the promotion of girls' canning and poultry clubs throughout the south	75,000
For agricultural demonstration work in five counties of Maine	14,500
For the beginning of agricultural demonstration work in New Hampshire	7,500
For professors of secondary education in the several state universities of the southern states	30,550
For state supervisors of negro schools in several southern states	20,000
Schools for negro students in the south	35,000

A NEW chair of bacteriology is to be founded in Edinburgh University under a bequest from Mr. Robert Irvine, of Royston, Granton. *Nature* states that at his death, eleven years ago, Mr. Irvine bequeathed 230 shares of £10 each in a company for developing the resources of Christmas Island for the purpose of establishing the chair when the interest from the shares should reach £25,000 or £30,000. The accumulated dividends on these shares now reach more than £30,000. It is understood that £25,000 will go towards the maintenance of the professorship, and that the remaining £5,000 will be used in providing the class-rooms, laboratories and the necessary equipment.

DR. P. M. DAWSON, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, and of its medical school, and for eleven years a member of its physiological staff, has been appointed instructor in physiology at the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

THE following promotions and new appointments have been made in the Stanford University Medical Department: Dr. Thomas Addis has been promoted to associate professor of medicine, Dr. E. C. Dickson and Dr. W. W. Boardman have been made assistant professors of medicine; Dr. Leo Eloesser and Dr. F. E. Blaisdell have been made assistant professors of surgery. Dr. R. G. Brodrick, of the San Francisco Board of Health, has been appointed assistant clinical professor of hygiene and public health. In the division of medicine Dr. W. F. Schaller has been made assistant clinical professor, assigned to neurology, and Dr. J. M. Wolfsohn, clinical instructor, assigned to neurology. Dr. A. A. O'Neill has been promoted to clinical instructor in medicine and Dr. G. A. Rothganger has been appointed instructor in surgery.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

THE California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco is an institution of about 400 cor-